

Local Students Excel at National Healthcare Conference

Dillon, MT — Eleven students and six advisors from Great Falls High School, CM Russell High School, and Bozeman High School attended the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California June 21-25th. HOSA is a student-lead organization that helps prepare students to enter careers in the high skill, high demand, and high pay healthcare industry. HOSA gives students an opportunity to learn and practice important healthcare skills in the competitive events program. Each of the 11 Montana students qualified to attend the National Conference by placing in the top of their competitive events at the state level. Students who attended the National conference are as follows:

Leeza Dubois - Bozeman High School – Forensic Medicine
Hanna Hodges – Bozeman High School – Forensic Medicine
Leslie Bellwood – CMR High School – Sports Medicine
Jordann Brown – CMR High School – Medical Photography
Jessie Hardin – CMR High School – Prepared Speaking
Jared Knupp – CMR High School – Medical Terminology
Darby Lacey – CMR High School – CPR/First Aid
Kelsey Smith – CMR High School – CPR/First Aid
LaRaya Rouse – Great Falls High School – HOSA Bowl & Pathophysiology
Taylor Schultze – Great Falls High School – HOSA Bowl
Briar Voy – Great Falls High School – HOSA Bowl & Dental Spelling

At the National level, over 6,500 people attended the conference in Anaheim and 4,200 students competed in the 57 competitive events. To be recognized as a “finalist” in each event, students had to place in the top 10 at the national level. Three Montana HOSA students achieved this great honor and they are as follows:

Leslie Bellwood – CMR High School – Sports Medicine - 6th place
Jessie Hardin – CMR High School – Prepared Speaking - 6th place
Briar Voy – Great Falls High School – Dental Spelling - 10th place

Congratulations to these Montana HOSA students for achieving such great success at the National level!

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About HOSA

HOSA - Future Health Professionals - is a non-profit student organization dedicated to promoting opportunities in health professions through health science educational programs whose membership is focused on middle school, secondary and postsecondary students, teachers and health care professionals. HOSA is one of ten Career and Technical Education student organizations to serve students in pursuit of a career in the health professions. *HOSA is exclusively health care!*

At the National level HOSA boasts over 130,000 members in 48 chartered state associations. In Montana, we have 263 members in 10 local chapters based at the high school level at Augusta, Billings, Bozeman, Columbia Falls, CMR, Flathead, Great Falls, Helena, Ronan, and Sentinel.

Given the alarming shortage of health care workers in the pipeline, HOSA is a viable strategy for recruiting, attracting, and encouraging young people to pursue a promising career in the health professions. No doubt HOSA will continue to serve a vital role in building and maintaining a pipeline of young people committed to quality health care. For more information, please visit www.hosa.org or www.montanahosa.org